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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 2 March 1992, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session, and to allocate to the Fifth Committee the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force".

2. At its 61st and 62nd meetings, on 16 and 18 March 1992, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force (A/46/236/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/46/893).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/46/L.23

3. At the 62nd meeting, on 18 March 1992, the representative of the Netherlands introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force" (A/C.5/46/L.23).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/46/SR.61 and 62).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 727 (1992) of 8 January 1992 and 740 (1992) of 7 February 1992, which endorsed the sending of a group of military liaison officers to Yugoslavia to promote maintenance of the cease-fire,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 743 (1992) of 21 February 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Protection Force for an initial period of twelve months,

Recognizing that the costs of the United Nations Protection Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Protection Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Protection Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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1/ A/46/236/Add.1.

2/ A/46/893.

1. Concurs with the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Protection Force in full and on time;

3. Decides at this stage to appropriate, in accordance with the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ an amount of 251,500,000 United States dollars gross (250,000,000 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 10 million dollars authorized with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee under the terms of General Assembly resolution 46/187 of 20 December 1991 for the expenses of the United Nations Protection Force, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a Special Account for the Force in accordance with paragraph 15 of his report; 1/

4. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amounts referred to in paragraph 3 of the present resolution among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989 and 45/269 of 27 August 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 3/

5. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,500,000 dollars approved for the United Nations Protection Force;

6. Decides to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations Protection Force in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted for these Member States during its forty-seventh session;

7. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 6 to make advance payments against their assessed contributions to be determined;

8. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Protection Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

3/ Resolution 46/221 A.

9. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Protection Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force";

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly by the start of its forty-seventh session a report on such additional requirements as may be necessary and including detailed and up-to-date information on the performance of the United Nations Protection Force.